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RAPID DEPLOYMENT SOFT RESTRAINT APPARATUS AND METHOD

ABSTRACT

An apparatus and method for rapidly restraining a person's limbs are disclosed. The inventive apparatus includes a pair of cuff modules, each with two rigid loops positioned on their outer surface, and a cuff interconnect having a flexible elongated body sized and configured to fit through the rigid loops, that is attached to one of the rigid loops on one of the cuff modules, and a releasable attachment device positioned on the interconnect body to releasably attach one end of the interconnect body to a portion of the interconnect body when it is folded upon itself. When the cuff modules are applied to the person's limbs, the interconnect body is threaded through the other rigid loops and around the person's midsection, such that the interconnect body surrounds the person's midsection from front and back, such that the portion with the releasable attachment device is folded upon itself, to secure the interconnect body with the releasable attachment device, such that the range of motion of the person's first and second limbs is significantly restricted. Optionally, the cuff modules may include releasable connectors to releasable connect to corresponding external stationary restraints. An optional additional set of two cuff modules with a second interconnect may be provided for securing the person's other limbs. The additional cuff module set and second interconnect is provided with a releasable connector for releasably connecting to an external restraint system.